Summit Mennonite Church

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We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

Marilyn Rossiter, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team
Workhin: 10:30 am

Stan King and Mary Schwartz, Caring Team Worship: 10:30 am

If you are a visitor this morning, we welcome you to our worship service! We hope that you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God. We invite you to sign our Oguest book in the foyer.

<u>Childcare</u> during worship is available for infants and toddlers (generally ages three and under) in the nursery through the back doors of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and toys are available at the sanctuary entrance.

February 22, 2015

GATHERING

Candle lighting Viv Jaberg

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

LaVerne Yousey

Call to Grace from Psalm 25

The Lord is good and does the right thing; teaching sinners the way to go. All God's paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who listen to God's voice.

Singing: HWB#327 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Theme Song: SS# 124 My Soul Cries Out

Children's Time: "Rocks of Life" Mona Rhorer

HEARING GOD

Scripture: Psalm 25: 1-10; Mark1: 9-15

Sermon: Prayer: Feasting and Fasting Pastor Marilyn

RESPONDING

Call to Authenticity

Leader: If it were up to us, God, we'd do it differently.

Congregation: Everyone knows that the way to make a promise stick is to require each party to do some of the heavy lifting.

Leader: Yet your rainbow reminds us of your unconditional promise of presence. Your Son's example in the desert makes us also see fasting as necessary.

Congregation: That promise is hard for us to accept because it takes away our control and our comfort.

Silence

Leader: Stick with us patiently,

Congregation: and grow in us the depth of trust our effort can't produce.

Hymn: HWB# 328 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Announcements
Sharing joys/ sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Susan Moyer

SENDING

Singing: HWB #614 In the Bulb

Benediction

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March food Donations for BACM: potatoes, rice noodles or box dinners

Greeter: Michael & Andressa Bouyer

Worship Planners: Vivian Jaberg & LaVerne Yousey

Nursery: Julia Beyeler & Viv Jaberg

LAST WEEK

Attendance: Offering:

Needed to meet spending plan: \$1,400

COMING EVENTS

Sun, March 22: Talent Show

July 18-19, 2015: Summit's 50th Anniversary celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Marilyn's office days this week will be Monday afternoon/ evening and Thursday morning/afternoon. Also available by phone or email at other times.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 22 and be part of Summit's first ever talent show. More information to follow.

Caring Team is in the process of reviewing Small Groups and in reformulating them. We assume everyone who is presently in a small group will continue unless we are told otherwise. We welcome any of you to participate who have not in the past. Let Marilyn, Stan, or Mary know if you would like to be in a group. We are aware groups got off to a slow start last year and are making some changes that will hopefully get things going well in March. We hope to have more information for you by March 1st.

The sculpture in the corner of the sanctuary was created by artist Esther K. Augsburger about ten years ago. It was commissioned by the Ohio conference and is titled "Theosebeia", the Greek word which means "Sincere adoration". It is a visual call to focus our worship on God, to raise our hearts and thoughts toward God in every part of the worship experience. Read more about it in the note at the praying figure's feet.

Central Christian's Mary Poppins: Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14 at 7 pm. Don't miss the spring musical production of Mary Poppins. Individual ticket price is \$10. You may purchase tickets from senior students, or at the door. Visit www.CCSComets.orgfor details.

Annual Central Christian Auction: Saturday, March 7, Breakfast at 7 am, Auction at 9am. Mark your calendars and bring your friends! With a match of 200%, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful! Now seeking creative and quality item donations from you! Complete the form online at CCSComets.org or e-mail JoelO@CentralChristianSchool.org. All dollars raised go toward Central's annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church.

BACM: Bring potatoes, rice noodles or box diners for the month of March and drop into the box by our white giving tree. You may bring other food or grocery supplies also. It would be helpful to get into the habit of buying a few extra items when you do your grocery shopping.

MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Thank God for Mission Network personnel involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.